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3600 MAIL ROOM

Applicants: F. BIOLLEY  
Serial No.: 09/471,501  
Filed: December 23, 1999  
For: HYBRID RISER OR PIPE FOR FLUID TRANSFER  
Group Art Unit: 3672  
Examiner: Pechhold, A.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 2001

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 11, 2001,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 and 13 as follows:

1) (twice amended) A pipe for great water depths (D)  
allowing transfer of a fluid between a floating support (1) and  
a point located below and at a distance from the water surface,  
characterized in that it comprises:

a flexible riser part (7) connected, at one end, to the  
point located below the surface, and

a rigid riser part (6) connected to the flexible riser  
part at one end and to the floating support at the second end  
thereof,